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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**[CC Docket No. 02-6; DA 17-243]**

**Wireline Competition Bureau Announces E-Rate Inflation-Based CAP for Funding Year 2017.**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces the E-rate program funding cap for funding year 2017.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 54.507(a) of the Commission's rules, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces that the E-rate program funding cap for funding year 2017 is \$3,990,207,000. The new cap represents a 1.3 percent inflation-adjusted increase in the \$3,939,000,000 billion cap from funding year 2016. This represents a \$51,207,000 increase for the E-rate program funding cap as a whole, including a \$38,077,000 increase for the category one services funding level and a \$13,130,000 increase for the category two services funding level. The Commission began indexing the funding cap to inflation in 2010 to ensure that E-rate program funding keeps pace with the changing broadband and telecommunications needs of schools and libraries. A Public Notice was released on March 13, 2017.

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